



Milwaukee County

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COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF MASS TRANSIT

County residents invited to ride Route 15 for free Friday

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Chris Larson will celebrate the Milwaukee County Transit System's 150th birthday on Friday. Route 15 is free all day Friday to promote the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), which continues to face a funding crisis.

"Our Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) gets people where they need to go in an efficient and environmentally-friendly manner. The more people that ride the bus, the more cars are taken off the road, which reduces pollution and cuts down on freeway congestion," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "Unfortunately, as we celebrate this 150th anniversary, the future of the transit system is uncertain due to the Governor's and State Legislature's inaction on dedicated transit funding."

All residents are invited to join both Supervisors as they ride into work on the Route 15 Friday morning. The group will board the Route 15 northbound at Chicago & Drexel at 7:51am; Plankinton & Packard at 8:08 am; KK & Russell at 8:18 am; and KK & Mitchell @ 8:26 am. Participants are encouraged to wear green while riding the bus. Afterward, the Supervisors, transit advocates and neighbors plan to have breakfast at the Milwaukee Public Market.

"Route 15 connects workers with jobs through one of the most densely populated corridors in Milwaukee County," Supervisor Larson said. "As a frequent bus rider, I'm looking forward to having an even bigger group of neighbors with me as I ride in to work on Friday."

The Route 15 is free all day Friday in honor of the first transit route, which operated on a portion of the current Route 15. Northwestern Mutual is sponsoring the free rides. Friday's free rides are the first in a series of events marking 150 years of public transportation.

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